1	2	3
5.	Water pumping Windmills (Nos.)	03
6.	Small Aerogenerator and Hybrid system (kW)	06
7.	Solar Photovaltaic Pumps (Nos.)	45
8.	Solar Photovaltaic	
	i. Street lighting system (Nos.)	98
	ii. Home lighting system (Nos.)	2787
	iii. Solar lantern (Nos.)	541
	iv. Solar Power plants (kWp)	7.5
9.	Solar Cooker (Nos.)	80
10.	Aditya Solar Shop (Nos.)	01
11.	Energy Park (Nos.)	11
12.	Integrated Rural Energy Programme (Blocks in Nos.)	21
13.	Village Electrification (Nos. of villages electrified)	36

MW : Megawatt; KW : Kilowatt; KWp : Kilowatt Peak

Solar powered rickshaws

2476. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether solar powered rickshaws have started plying on roads in Jaipur in Rajsthan;

(b) if so, whether eco-friendly vehicles are proposed to be started in other parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (c) Solar powered rickshaws are not yet plying regularly on roads in India. The Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation (MMCF), Udaipur has developed some prototypes of solar powered rickshaws in association with some British organizations. The MMCF also organized, with partial financial support from the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, a 10 day rally of 6 solar powered

rickshaws and one electric motor cycle in Rajasthan from Jaipur to Udaipurfrom 2nd to 11th April, 2003. The MMCF has plans to continue further development work in this field.

The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing a broad-based programme for eco-friendly battery operated vehicles where the batteries are charged by conventional electricity. The Ministry is providing a subsidy of upto 33% on the cost of such vehicles, exclusive of taxes. The programme is being implemented by the state government departments/nodal agencies.

Transparency in conduct of Government functioning

2477. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the interest of transparency some Governments release the confidential files for peoples' information after a specific period of time;

(b) if so, whether Government have any such permission in the conduct of Government functioning; and

(c) if so, whether it has been done so ever?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) In order to promote openness, transparency and accountability in administration, Government of India have enacted the 'Freedom of Information Act, 2002'. Subject to certain exemptions as are specified therein, the Act provides for freedom to every citizen to secure access to information under the control of public authorities. A provision has also been made in the Act that with the exception of information, the disclosure of which would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State, strategic scientific and economic interest of India or conduct of international relations, any information relating to any occurrence, event or matter which has taken place, occurred or happened twenty-five years before the date on which any request is made under the Act shall be provided to any person making such a request.